

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2012, AT 7:30 P. M., Town Hall.

Present: Sara Kincade; Chairman, Rob Blick, Joei Grudzinski, Bryan Chnowski, Dennis DiPinto, Director; Elaine Rajcula, Secretary.

Also Present: Tony Tomaino, (future Commission member)

Absent: Ed Butt, Dave Keefe

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with corrections: Page 1. Under Recreation Supervisor's report, add: **Discussion was held. At this time there is no need.** Page 2. Under Brookfield Revitalization Program: delete sentence after **E. Butt said** add: **a "no" votes a major delay.** A motion to approve said minutes with corrections was made by J. Grudzinski, and seconded by B. Gnowski. Passed.

Recreation Supervisor's Report (August/Sept.) – Mary Knox - Dennis DiPinto stated M. Knox is completing the brochure. Facebook is doing well.

Parks Supervisor's Report (August/Sept.) – Chris Rabuse – The Commission reviewed and discussed said report, consisting of 20 items completed, with future work consisting of 14 items. Said list is on file with the minutes in the Town Clerks office for review.

Senior Center/Social Services Report (August/Sept.) – Ellen Melville – The Commission reviewed said report. Flu shot clinic was held in September. Other programs are a 6-week series entitled "Live Well" for seniors in living with chronic issues/illnesses, Reike Therapy workshops, Cornell Funeral discussing funeral planning, and the Arthritis Foundation Exercise program. "After Hours" programs include additional exercise classes and two Sunday afternoon sessions (one – Antarctica, another - Broadway Shows). These will be on a trial basis. Consulting on Medicare, Part D, will continue with new volunteers assisting.

Monthly Financial Report – None at this time.

Subcommittee Reports

The Still River Greenway – D. DiPinto will speak with various small groups. Jay Annis's Volunteers, and the P & R Commission will do the same.

Facilities – Town Beach – The status of the Beach is poor, and erosion is wearing main use areas away.

Old Business

Self-Sustaining Fund Balance – The First Selectman has written up a working draft for a proposed ordinance which the Commission discussed. D. DiPinto will add to that and get back to the Commission.

O'Connor Memorial – D. DiPinto - The Pergola is installed, and the shade shelter has been ordered. Everyone agreed the site location is excellent.

Brookfield Revitalization Plan – D. DiPinto – He has met with the architect firm DCA, the Building Committee, and First Selectman. DCA will be taking the lead on the project at the Town Beach. The grant pays for the building and DCA will advise CCA concerning Cadigan Park. The parking lot was discussed at length with the Commission. DCA was recommended by the Building Committee and will present the final plans to the public. The referendum will be held in March or April. The P & R Commission subcommittees will be working with DCA with their input.

Adjournment – A motion was made by J. Grudzinski, seconded by R. Blick, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.. Passed.

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2012, at 7:30p.m.

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